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U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK **LONG ISLAND OFFICE**

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ORDER

16-cv-760 (SJF)(AYS)

LISA CASTAGNA and ANTHONY PENNINGTON, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Plaintiffs,

-against-

HAMPTON CREEK, INC.,

Defendant.

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FEUERSTEIN, District Judge:

On October 17, 2016, the parties submitted a joint application seeking approval of a Settlement Agreement and Release (the "Settlement Agreement"). See Docket Entry ("DE") [24]. In a December 6, 2016 Order, the Court denied the parties' joint application on the grounds that "Section 4.1 of the Settlement Agreement, titled 'Claims Released by Plaintiffs,' [was] too broad to be considered fair and reasonable." DE [25] at 2. The Court instructed the parties to either submit a revised settlement agreement or advise the Court that they intended to proceed with litigating this action. Id. at 3. On December 12, 2016, the parties submitted the instant joint application seeking approval of an Amendment to Settlement Agreement and Release (the "Amendment"). DE [27]. Having reviewed the Amendment, the Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable as amended. See Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc., 796 F.3d 199, 206 (2d Cir. 2015); Wolinsky v. Scholastic Inc., 900 F. Supp. 2d 332, 335 (S.D.N.Y. 2012) (requiring that a district court scrutinize an FLSA settlement agreement to determine that it is fair and reasonable). Therefore, the parties' joint application is granted and the Settlement Agreement is approved as amended.

Dated: Central Islip, New York January 23, 2017

SO ORDERED.

s/Sandra J. Feuerstein Sandra J. Feuerstein United States District Judge